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SUBJECT: SADAT ADDRESS TO ASU NATIONAL CONGRESS: JULY 22

SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN PRESS HAD BILLED SADAT'S JULY 22 ADDRESS TO ASU AS SPEECH OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, PRESIDENT IN FACT DID NOT RPT NOT ANNOUNCE GOE REACTION TO UNSC APPEAL THAT HE RECONSIDER DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO RENEW UNEF MANDATE. SADAT SAID ONLY THAT QUESTION REMAINS UNDER STUDY AND FINAL DECISION WILL COME AFTER HE MEETS WITH HIS NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. MOST OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO HISTORICAL REVIEW OF EMERGENCE MODERN EGYPT. NEITHER USG NOR USSR WERE SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL COMMENT. ONLY LIBYAN OBSTRUCTIONISM RECEIVED UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIFIC BLAST. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING JULY 22 SESSION OF ASU NATIONAL CONGRESS, PRES. SADAT RE-ELECTED AS ASU CHAIRMAN AND RIF'AT AL-MAHGUB WAS ELECTED TO NEW POST OF ASU FIRST SECRETARY. (HAFIZ GHANIM HAD BEEN FIRST SECRETARY OF ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE.) HIGHLIGHT OF SESSION WAS MAJOR ADDRESS BY SADAT, WHO SPOKE FOR TWO HOURS, BEGINNING AT 1715 GMT. ALTHOUGH WE HAD BEEN PROMISED ADVANCE COPY OF SPEECH, THIS DID NOT RPT NOT MATERIALIZE, PROBABLY BECAUSE SPEECH WAS UNDER CONTINUOUS RE-DRAFT UNTIL EARLY EVENING.

2. FOLLOWING IS OUR UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY TRANSLATION.

3. FIRST SECTION OF SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO EXORTATION TO EGYPTIAN YOUTH TO STUDY HISTORY OF MODERN EGYPT. SADAT REHEARSED AT LENGTH ACHIEVEMENTS OF EGYPTIAN LIBERALS FROM EARLY 19TH CENTURY TO PRESENT, DWELLING ON HIS INSISTENCE THAT POLITICAL FREEDOMS, PARTICULARLY FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, BE RE-ESTABLISHED. GREAT POWERS HAVE NEVER WANTED EGYPT STRONG, BUT EGYPT WILL NEVER BE DEPENDENT ON ANYONE. NASSER WAS ONE OF THOSE EGYPTIAN LEADERS WHO WAS NOT RPT NOT AFRAID OF ATTACK WHEN HE KNEW HE WAS RIGHT; EG HE SUPPORTED ROBERS PLAN, WHICH WAS WISH OF MAJORITY OF EGYPTIANS. SADAT TOO WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP, TAKE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF DOUBTERS IN HIS STRIDE, AND ADJUST WORLD OUTLOOK AS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE. ARAB DOUBTERS WILL LEARN THAT EGYPT IS "THE BIG BROTHER", REPRESENTING THE "GUARANTEE" OF PROGRESS.

4. ON IMMEDIATE QUESTION OF ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE, SADAT STRESSED HE HAS TAKEN INITIATIVES: OCTOBER WAR (SUPPORTED BY ALL ARABS EXCEPT ONE I.E. QADDHAFI), OPENED CANAL. "WE ARE EXHAUSTING EVERY INITIATIVE

OF PEACE..." REJECTIONIST FRONT HAS GAINED NOTHING; ISRAEL GAINED BY THEIR NEGATIVISM. WE SUCCEEDED IN NEGOTIATION AND IN WAR. THEREFORE WE ARE PROCEEDING OF RIGHT COURSE..."

5. FONMIN SENT SYG OF UN MESSAGE TRANSMITTING OUT DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO RENEW THE UNEF MANDATE. OUR ACCEPTANCE OF UNEF PRESENCE ON A PART OF OUR TERRITORY WAS BASED ON SPECIFIC CONCEPT OF NATURE OF THESE FORCES, AND "THAT LEGITIMACY OF ITS PRESENCE IS DERIVED FROM A TEMPORARY, SHORT TERM NATURE, INCLUDING DISENGAGEMENT OF THE WARRING FORCES AND CREATING STATE OF QUIET. BUT IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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UNACCEPTABLE THEY STAY ON EGYPTIAN TERRITORY WITHOUT EGYPT'S CONSENT OR THAT THEY BE USED TO CONSUMMATE OCCUPATION OR MAINTAIN A SITUATION IN WHICH MOVEMENT IS TOPPED, (WITH THE EFFECT OF) IMPOSING TO IMPOSE A FAIT ACCOMPLI, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE UNANIMITY OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND LEGITIMACY STIPULATED BY UN CHARTER. EGYPT WAS KEEN TO AFFIRM THESE MEANINGS WHEN ANNOUNCING ACCEPTANCE OR RES 340 (SIC; SADAT PROBABLY MEANT 338) OR 1973...THEREFORE IT WAS NATURAL AND LOGICAL THAT WE SHOULD SO DECIDE (IE IN FAHMY MESSAGE TO

WALDHEIM) AFTER IT WAS PROVED DURING THE PAST MONTHS THAT ISRAEL IS TRYING BY ALL MEANS TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO AND UNDERMINE EVERY INTERNATIONAL EFFORT WHICH AIMS AT PUSHING SITUATION IN DIRECTION OF PEACE. IF THIS WERE LEFT WITHOUT FIRM ACTION, IT WOULD LEAD TO STAGNATION OF SITUATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY UNDERMINE GAINS REALIZED DURING BATTLES OF OCTOBER. HENCE FONMIN ADDRESSED LETTER TO SYG ON JULY 14 INFORMING HIM EGYPT DOES NOT RPT NOT APPROVE EXTENSION UNEF MANDATE...SO LONG AS ISRAEL IS DETERMINED TO USE THIS FORCE AND ITS PRESENCE TO MAINTAIN OCCUPATION AND THE STATE OF NO WAR-NO PEACE."

6. SADAT CONTINUED: "EGYPT CALLED ON UNSC TO HANDLE SITUATION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES STIPULATED BY UN CHARTER". AFTER URGENT UNSC MEETINGS, SC PRESIDENT ISSUED APPEAL RECEIVED BY FONMIN AT DAWN TODAY. "THIS APPEAL REVEALS ANXIETY OF UNSC RE GRACE SITUATION IN ME AND KEENNESS TO FOLLOW CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS UNDERLINING NECESSITY OF MAKING MORE PROGRESS TOWARD JUST AND LASTING PEACE TO AVOID STALEMATE." UNSC CALLED ON GOE RO RECONSIDER. "IT IS WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK THAT WE ARE STUDYING THE SITUATION FROM ALL ANGLES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT UNSC RESPONSIBILITY DOES NOT RPT NOT STOP AT EFFORTS TO EASE TENSION, BUT GOES BEYOND THAT TO GUARANTEEING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF RES 338 OF 1973 AS WELL AS THE OTHER RESOLUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CASE. I WILL INFORM YOU (IE THE ASU) OF WHAT WILL BE DECIDED UPON IN THIS RESPECT AFTER I MEET WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND I WILL REPORT TO YOU OUR DECISION."

7. SADAT CONCLUDED BY OFFERING LIST OF "FUNDAMENTALS FOR OUR NATIONAL ACTION," STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF UNITY OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE (IE ANOTHER SLAP AT QADDHAFI), NECESSITY FOR ARAB WORLD TO IGNORE "DWARVES" WHO SEEK TO ISOLATE EGYPT WITHIN ARAB SPHERE, AND CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING FREEDOM OF NATIONAL WILL.
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